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SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER:—" Sir, if the acreage is to be 45,000, may I know whether the whole ayacut is to be wet or both dry and wet combined? "

THE HON. SRI M. BAKTHAVATSALAM:—" If I remember right, it is wet."

SRI K. A. NACHIAPPA GOUNDER:—" May I ask the Hon. Minister whether the Badathalav scheme in that district has made any progress? "

THE HON. SRI M. BAKTHAVATSALAM:—" I would like to have notice. "

SRI P. KANDASWAMI PILLAI:—" Regarding the Vadapennar Scheme which is one of the sanctioned schemes, will the Hon. the Minister at least include it for execution in the next Budget year? "

THE HON. SRI M. BAKTHAVATSALAM:—" I shall try to include it in the next Budget but I cannot give any assurance on that matter. "

Publication of Hindi journal.

* 144 *Q.*—SRI N. GOVINDASWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are issuing any Hindi journal;

(*b*) if so, what is its name, circulation and cost of each copy;

(*c*) whether there is any revenue accruing therefrom and if so, how much;

(*d*) how many technical hands are at work and what are the salaries of each of them;

(*e*) whether they are on a par with those engaged in the journal work in other local languages;

(*f*) if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(*g*) whether the Government propose to treat all such employees alike?

THE HON. SRI M. BAKTHAVATSALAM:—" (*a*) & (*b*) Yes. The journal is published in Hindustani and printed in both Devanagari and Urdu scripts; ' Dakshini Hind '; circulation about 100 copies; price eight annas per copy.

" (*c*) The subscriptions and the sale-proceeds are the only receipts of revenue. Advertisements are also published.

" (*d*) The staff employed is—

Editor, Rs. 250 per mensem.

Sub-Editor, Rs. 150 per mensem.

Assistant, Rs. 100 per mensem.

Moulvi—part-time worker, Rs. 50 per mensem.

"(*e*) For the other editions of 'Madras Information', viz., Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, Kanarese, the staff employed consists of—

1 Journalist for each edition on Rs. 150 per mensem each.

1 Assistant Journalist for each edition on Rs. 95 per mensem each.

Besides, one Assistant Information Officer, on Rs. 300—400 per mensem.

"(*f*) The reason why the Editor is paid a higher salary than the journalists in charge of other editions is that it was found difficult to secure the services of a qualified and experienced Hindi journalist on a lower salary.

"(*g*) No."

SRI N. GOVINDASWAMI:—"ஆனல் பாஷை என்பது ஒன்ருக இருப்பதால் மாகாணம் தமிழில் இருப்பதால் அதற்கு மதிப்புக்கொடுத்து என் ஒரே விதமாக இருக்கக்கூடாது. சம்பளம் வித்யாசமாக இருக்கிறது. நூற்றுக்கு மேல் வித்யாசம் இருக்கிறது. மாகாண பாஷைக்கு என் மதிப்புக் கொடுக்க வில்லே. சம்பளத்தை என் ஜாஸ்தி கொடுக்கக்கூடாது."

THE HON. SRI M. BAKTHAVATSALAM:—"சம்பளத்தில் மதிப்புக் குறைவு ஒன்றும் இல்லே."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU:—"May I know, Sir, how much loss the Government are incurring in the publication of the Hindi journal?"

THE HON. SRI M. BAKTHAVATSALAM:—"It is about Rs. 1,000 per month."

SRI ALLURI SATYANARAYANA RAJU:—"May I know, Sir, what are the qualifications of the Editor of the paper 'Dakhini Hind'?"

THE HON. SRI M. BAKTHAVATSALAM:—"I would like to have notice. The only qualification I know of is that he is coming from North India." (Laughter.)

Complaint to the police against the President of the Weavers' Association, Vijiamangalam.

* 145 *Q.*—SRI M. A. EASWARAN (on behalf of Sri R. Kuppuswami): Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware that a telegram and a registered letter were sent to the Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Madras, another to the Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Coimbatore, and a third to the Minister for Industries on 18th August 1946 by the President, Vijiamangalam Weavers' Association, against the action of the Senior Inspector of that locality stating that the said Inspector gave a false complaint to the Police against the President of the Weavers' Association, Vijiamangalam, in Coimbatore district; and

(*b*) if so, what action was taken in the matter?